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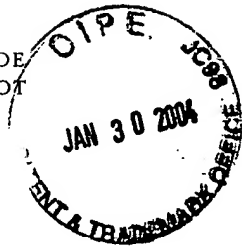
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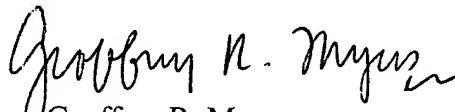
Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/924,578  
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OPTICAL WAVEPLATE AND AN OPTICAL  
DEVICE USING THE WAVEPLATES  
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Dear Ms. Field:

I wish to take this moment, as a practicing patent attorney, as a former United States Patent Examiner, as an adjunct professor in the Patent Track Program in George Mason University School of Law, and as the former, and first appointed Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Patents, to tell you of Primary Examiner Javaid Nasri's high professionalism in handling a most difficult case pending in your Art Unit.

Given my background and although I rarely do this, in this particular instance, I think it is of particular importance to have Examiner Nasri's Supervisor aware of the highly professional manner in which he handled a very difficult, rather complex, case for our client. Being a former Examiner and a practicing attorney of more than two decades, as well as having numerous examiners in my class at Law School, I wish to give Examiner Nasri the highest grade for his professionalism.

Very truly yours,

  
Geoffrey R. Myers

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